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WEATHER.

Eastern and Western Oregon—Rain.
Eastern and Western Washington and Idaho—Rain.

PORTLAND AND SALEM MURDERS

The killings heralded out of the metropolis and the capital during the past 100 hours are dreadful to contemplate from every point of view. The D'Anna-Gholson murder at Salem was without the faintest vestige of cause or excuse and was a direct and pitiable result of whiskey; the Murray-Whitney killing at Portland had a real basis of justification and engages popular sympathy. Whiskey-insanity is sponsor for far too many such fearful episodes and invites the specific intervention of society, in the larger sense, upon the sheer footing of public safety. The first sign of intoxication should become the signal for instant incarceration and confinement for such cause should end only with the attainment of normal mental conditions. Some such expedient as this will have to be employed in the interest of common defense against the madness of the liquor fiend. The reported ground of the killing of young Whitney by the brother of the girl he had ruined, furnishes ample pretext for the deed, and, while we are averse to such radical measures as a rule, we cannot help measuring the method to the scope of the cause and finding palliation for the deed. Recourse to this means of vengeance has a tendency to check the deliberate and far too common sin against young girlhood, and is not to be deprecated hurriedly. Either case supplies broad ground for commiserating thought and inspires resort to healthier laws for the protection of society.

OREGONIAN-JOURNAL.

The long-drawn and bitter feud between the Morning Oregonian and the Evening Journal, of Portland, has reached the stage of reprisals, and the great morning daily is to be hailed into court on a charge of libel. The whole situation has a predicate entirely foreign to the newspaper sphere, and is an outgrowth of personal animosities in which the respective journals have figured simply as weapons. That the Oregonian has been the heaviest and most aggressive goes without saying; it is of the cult of that paper to pulverize when it cannot placate or dominate, but it invariably has excellent ground for its initial attacks, however extreme it may become with the expansion of its quarrels. The trial of the case will be watched with eager interest by every paper on the coast, and by many with a not unreasonable leaning toward the lesser sheet, on account of the ultra-dominant propensities of the Oregonian, brilliant and able as it is. That the Journal has invited all it got, does not, perhaps, justify the quality of all that was handed out to it, but of that the law will take cognizance, and rule, we trust, with inviolable fairness between them.

MONDAY'S PRIMARIES.

Monday's primaries in Astoria were a howling farce as a concrete political expression. There are, normally, fifteen hundred voters in this city. Seven hundred of these registered for the primaries and four hundred of them voted on Monday, while eleven hundred remained silent. Thus one-fourth of the voting population swayed the interests and destinies of the city for the next two years, provided the charter amendment extending the terms of the present officers shall be adopted on

the 12th of December. By and by it will be in order to howl and kick and protest against civic injustices and deplore the things that might have been prevented. We have no patience with the dormant, helpless, reactionary tactics of the "sleepers"; no sympathy for the losers by lethargy. If these lines of action are to be followed on the 12th of the coming month, the present coterie will have erected a wall around this Republican city that cannot be broken down by any normal means and the power will have been wrested from the dominant party in Astoria. The leaders of the opposition are not to be blamed for taking these easy and uncontested advantages; they are rather to be commended for the celerity and timeliness of their operations, and the un-Republican Republicans may, with what cheer they can summon, charge the whole thing up to themselves.

THE SEATTLE SPIRIT.

Seattleans take a notion that they want a fair in 1909, in which that city shall figure as the center of a broad Northwest cycle, in a commercial sense; they believe it will be a good thing for the city; they get together, endorse the idea, lay out a plan, and back it, instantly, by putting up \$700,000. That's the Seattle spirit. That's the tone and tang of business that makes for growth and faith and success. That's the stuff that would do Astoria a world of good if it were cultivated and applied. We need a dash of such optimism and the sooner we become inoculated the better for the City-by-the-Sea. Snap and confidence and practical home-endorsement, these are the essentials.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

An editor paying his fare on the railroads will raise the standard of the profession. Sweet are the uses of adversity.

There are no indications that the name of the United States will be changed to Mr. Gompers' Cabbage Patch.

Mr. Bryan's native state of Illinois, as well as his adopted state, Nebraska, appear to occupy a still more advanced place in the enemy's country.

Ex-Bandit Raisoul has been appointed to command one division of the police force of Morocco. His name has for some time filled the law-abiding citizens with awe, and will now even up the score by striking terror to the hearts of the evil-doers.

Japan is accused of cultivating a jingo spirit. When the Japs calmly examine the huge national debt they have contracted during the last three years they will feel inclined to talk over in a friendly spirit any differences that may arise with a stronger power than Russia.

Cincinnati was not so ungallant as to defeat Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth. That city retains an excellent congressman and compliments an admirable lady.

There is one fine thing about a defeated party in the United States. It accepts the situation manfully and picks its flint for another trial if the cause is worth it.

La Follette has abdicated the dictatorship of Wisconsin, but he stamped the state for the Republican ticket, and he can claim a little of the credit for the Republican victory.

Vice President Fairbanks' state gave a majority which would have pleased War Governor Morton if he were alive. The only doubt about Indiana nowadays is as to the extent of its Republican majority.

According to Bradstreet's, it is the car famine that is hampering business and not the tariff. There are some things connected with trade and commerce that cannot be blamed on this old scapegoat.

Mr. Hearst says that if he cannot lead the army he is willing to be a private. A man in the ranks with a bar'l would be in an embarrassing position. Has Mr. Hearst duly considered the sutlership?

Henry Clay Evans made a good fight in Tennessee, but he lost. The momentum of a third of a century of Bourbonism in that state was against him. Evans can stand this defeat better than Tennessee can.

ALWAYS WAS SICK.

When a man says he is always sick, troubled with a cough that lasted all winter—what would you think if he should say—he never was sick since using Ballard's Horehound Syrup.

Such a man exists: Mr. J. C. Clark, Denver, Colorado, writes: "For years I was troubled with a severe cough that would last all winter. This cough left me in a miserable condition. I tried Ballard's Horehound Syrup and have not had a sick day since. That's what it did for me." Hart's Drug Store.

True Education of Children

By the Lord Bishop of Ripon

THE social tendencies of the time are developing more and more the social conscience. It is felt that a wise and understanding people should make the best possible provision for the upbringing of the next generation.

The children of today will be the strength and in a great degree the directing force of the nation tomorrow.

Let us see to it that they are fitted for the high duties which will fall in their hands. The education problem needs intelligence and care in every direction.

WE NEED TO CONSIDER THE RELATIONS OF BODILY HEALTH AND CONDITION TO STUDY AND WHOLESOME DEVELOPMENT.

We need to consider how far general rules and regulations intended to foster effective education may in the end CRIPPLE AND HAMPER IT.

We recognize that some code is probably necessary. Teachers are human and are not all equally gifted, and for the least capable, intelligent and original teachers the existence of certain regulations may be desirable and even needful.

But there are other teachers, and they are more numerous than the brains tight bound with red tape would suppose, whose real effective force is weakened and crippled by the tyrannous monotony of the time table.

When a general is in the field you will, if you are wise, give him as free a hand as possible—i. e., if "you" are possessed of average common sense.

A teacher is in a sense a general in the field. He has to deal with conditions which can hardly be anticipated by those who draw up CODES AND REGULATIONS. We know only too painfully how often the well meant rules by which he is bound are inflicting definite and lifelong injury on the children, yet he has no option. He must fulfill the prescribed routine, WHETHER APPROPRIATE OR NOT. Any attempt at originality or at a wise variation in methods is looked upon with suspicion. The theory in vogue is sometimes hostile to healthy freedom of method.

IS THE BEST TEACHER THE MAN WHO MOST SEDULOUSLY AND MOST PUNCTUALLY FULFILLS THE TIME TABLE OR THE MAN WHO TURNS OUT CHILDREN ABLE TO EXERCISE THEIR WILL UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF SWEET REASONABLENESS AND POSSESSED OF SOME WORTHY IDEALS OF LIFE AND DUTY?

Roosevelt's Race Suicide Theory Is Far From Right

By Mrs. SARAH PLATT DECKER, President National Federation of Women's Clubs

RESIDENT ROOSEVELT says that race suicide is the greatest drawback in America, that the country is not half populated and that one child or NONE AT ALL in a family financially capable of raising a half dozen is a common circumstance.

Too many degenerates have already been born into the world. None of the morally depraved should ever unite, as the offspring must necessarily be corrupt, and union in all classes should exist only WHEN LOVE HAS CONQUERED the situation.

Girls should not marry until there is absolutely no other way out of it. That is to say, they should be so TREMENDOUSLY IN LOVE that they cannot live apart from their beloved.

THE MUTUAL AGREEMENT MARRIAGES AND THE MARRIAGES BECAUSE SINGLE LIFE IS CONSIDERED A DISGRACE HAVE GONE INTO ANCIENT HISTORY.

WILL ACCEPT CHALLENGE.

New York Yacht Club Will Race With Thomas Lipton.

No more interesting story has ever been written than the life of the great character of Sherlock Holmes as depicted in the stories of Sir Conan Doyle. The mantle of Mr. Gillette has fallen on the shoulders of a young actor, who seems to be destined to achieve the success of his famous predecessor. Mr. Theodore Lorch will present at the character of Sherlock Holmes in "The Sign of the Four" in the Astoria theater tomorrow, Thursday, evening. Every mechanical and scenic detail of the famous play will be faithfully reproduced.

BUYING EQUIPMENT.

Rock Island Road Will Expend Five Million Dollars.

CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—The management of the Rock Island Railroad has issued orders for new equipment to cost \$5,000,000. This is in addition to orders previously given this year, aggregating \$3,000,000. Included in the new equipment are two thousand forty-ton box cars, 250 stock cars 1900 ballast cars, 660 coal cars, 300 flat cars, 2,540 hopper cars and nearly 100 passenger, postal and baggage cars. All the new passenger equipment are to have steel underframe construction and the new mail cars are to be all steel.

EXPOSITION SITE.

Oregon Selects Location for Building at Seattle.

SEATTLE, Nov. 13.—The first piece of ground on the site of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition to be laid aside for the use of a definite building was reserved yesterday for the Oregon State building, and from now on the allotment of ground space for the various states will proceed.

The Oregon provisional commission is to come to Seattle November 21 to approve of the choice of Mr. Reed.

When you're broke the girls are shy. They turn and fly as you come nigh; Brace up, old man, show some pluck, Take Rocky Mountain Tea; twill change your luck. For sale by Frank Hart.

PROHIBITION VICTORY.

Large Brewing Plant Destroyed by Fire in New Jersey.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—The plant of the Columbia Brewing Company, recently purchased by Lenbeck & Betz, and located on the Newark Bay at the foot of Winfield and Bartholdi Avenues, Jersey City, comprising seven buildings, was burned early today. The loss will be about \$150,000.

Hugo Shuler, the engineer, was seriously burned in an attempt to save property.

Pneumonia Follows a Cold, but never follows the use of Foley's Honey and Tar. It stops the cough, heals and strengthens the lungs and affords perfect security from an attack of pneumonia. Refuse substitutes. T. F. Lauren, Owl Drug Store.

WANTED—MODERN FLAT IN good neighborhood.

M R AND MRS. JABEZ BROWN, Strangers came into the town; Didn't know where to stay of stop. Travel-worn, ready to flop.

Nacherly went to a hotel. Morning, Jabez says, "It's—! We're in this town to stick and stay; Look around for a place today."

Husly bustling, Mrs. Brown, Started out to scour the town; Tramping the streets like the live-long day. Found no place she'd like to stay.

Jabez was foxy. He was wise. Said he, "My dear, we'll advertise!" Did it, and got a charming flat. Happy now, where they are at.

MORAL.

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News from Want-Adville

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